

**A PROCLAMATION RECOGNIZING  
DR. PHILIP HEIT FOR HIS MANY YEARS OF  
SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Philip Heit came to New Albany in 2002 as a Ohio State University professor with a physical education degree and an enthusiasm for exercise, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2003, he founded the New Albany Walking Club and, thinking bigger, in 2005, he found sponsors and volunteers to help him organize the New Albany Walking Classic; and

**WHEREAS**, the New Albany Walking Classic attracted 900 participants in its first year, grew to over 4,000 participants and 500 volunteers, was voted “America’s Best Walking Event” by Walk! Magazine, and nearly always took place under sunny skies, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2010, still thinking bigger, Dr. Heit founded Healthy New Albany and began envisioning the Farmer’s Market, Community Garden, and regular, accessible health-focused education, and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, Dr. Heit ushered in the first issue of Healthy New Albany Magazine published by CityScene Media Group, which featured local health professionals and influential residents; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Heit, The New Albany Company, The Ohio State Wexner Medical Center, Nationwide Children’s Hospital, and other community members worked cooperatively with City Council to build the first-of-its-kind health and medical complex; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2015, the Philip Heit Center for Healthy New Albany opened and the New Albany Farmer’s Market launched at Market Square; and


**WHEREAS**, the Philip Heit Center for Healthy New Albany now hosts cooking, exercise, 55+ focused, and other life-enriching programs, plus it houses medical offices focused on state-of-the-art treatment and prevention, and more, all of which promote a community-based culture of health.

**NOW THEREFORE**, Council for the City of New Albany, Counties of Franklin and Licking, State of Ohio, wishes to recognize **Dr. Philip Heit** for thinking bigger, for putting his time and energy into making Healthy New Albany what it is today, and for cheering on New Albany to be “the healthiest community in America.”

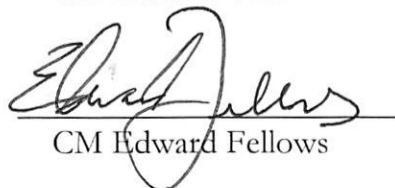
**WHEREBY**, Council sets their hands this 18th day of August, 2020.

  
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